

IN TRIBUTE TO PEGGY JANE
SADLER

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 14, 2011

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in tribute to my very good friend, Peggy Jane Sadler, who will be inducted into the Ventura County Republican Hall of Fame next week.

It is a well-deserved and long overdue honor.

I met Peggy more than 30 years ago when I first ran for City Council. She subsequently served on my mayoral committee and is among those who are largely responsible for my run for Congress.

But Peggy is more than a political confidant. She is a close personal friend to my wife, Janice, and me.

I am not alone in benefiting from Peggy's political passion. Peggy's handprints can be found on the success of a number of elected officials, both directly and indirectly. She served on the campaigns of Rep. Barry Goldwater, Jr., California Governors Pete Wilson and George Deukmejian, California Senator Lou Cusanovich, California Assemblyman Bob Cline, and Ventura County District Attorneys Michael Bradbury and Greg Totten.

She has been a member of Simi Valley Republican Women since 1964 and served as President in 1976, 1977 and 2009; served as president of Ventura County Republican Women, Federated, from 1979 to 1983; and is a past member of the Board of Directors, CFRW Southern Division; a past member of the California Federation of Republican Women Board; a voting member of the California Republican Party since 1977; an elected member of the Ventura County Republican Party from 1979–2011; Ventura County Co-Chairman for: Reagan for President 1980; a member of the Ventura County Steering Committee: Reagan/Bush 1984; Alternate Delegate for the 1984 GOP National Convention; City Co-Chairman for Bush/Quayle 1988; Delegate to the 1992 GOP National Convention; Alternate Delegate to the 1996 GOP National Convention; Alternate Delegate to the 2004 GOP National Convention; a member of the Bush Team—2000 and 2004; and a member of the Ventura County Lincoln Club Board of Directors.

That's enough to keep anyone busy. But Peggy's community involvement goes beyond politics. She believes politics is an avenue to make her community, state, and nation a better place to live, work, and raise a family—but it is not the only avenue.

Peggy's other activities include founding member and Past President of the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center Foundation Board of Directors, docent for the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library since 1991, Past President of the Simi Valley High School Music Boosters, and past member of the School Attendance Review Board.

After 27 years, Peggy retired as administrative assistant at Simi Valley Presbyterian Church. A former music major at University of California, Santa Barbara, she is currently serving as Director of the Handbell Choir. She also was a member of the Los Robles Master Chorale for 28 years.

Peggy and her husband, David, have been married 54 years. They have two children and five grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, as a previous inductee into the Ventura County Republican Hall of Fame, I welcome my friend. I know my colleagues join Janice and me in congratulating Peggy Jane Sadler for this recognition and in thanking her for decades of commitment to her community and nation.

**HONORING MARIN COUNTY
SUPERVISOR HAL BROWN**

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

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Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a colleague, Hal Brown, on the occasion of his retirement after 29 years of service to Marin County. Since he was first appointed to the Board of Supervisors to represent the Second District, Hal demonstrated a caring, thoughtful and committed approach to addressing the issues facing the residents of Marin.

Hal's priorities have been clear from the start. He focuses on families, education, environment, responsible government and economic vitality. His own vitality and dedication led him to serve on more than 25 boards and organizations, from the Marin Conservation League to the Rape Crisis Center, from the Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District to the Disabled Students Advisory Board.

This work has resulted in a long list of notable accomplishments—for example, preserving more than 1,500 acres of open space, founding FireSafe Marin, supporting the Marin Energy Authority and Safe Routes to Schools, and authoring Marin's Family Medical Leave law. I remain one of his most appreciative fans for his early and ongoing leadership on important women's issues.

After the New Year's Eve flood of 2005, Hal moved to make his district safer by establishing the first regional flood warning system in the Ross Valley. He continued to work for a watershed-wide approach that would combine flood control with environmental restoration and water quality.

Hal prided himself on his accessibility, and his door was always open to the many who appreciated working with a man of his integrity and drive. The fact that he continued to serve the last year despite battling serious illness speaks volumes about his commitment to his constituents. His thoughtful study of issues, while listening to all sides, has earned him the respect and admiration of colleagues throughout the North Bay.

A San Anselmo resident for almost 40 years, Hal coached various youth sports while raising his two sons, Mike and Chris.

Mr. Speaker, for nearly three decades, Hal Brown has served Marin County with enormous intelligence and dedication. Hal's hard work is one of the reasons that Marin remains such a beautiful, vibrant, well-governed community. It has been a privilege to work with him, and I ask you to join me in wishing him good health and a well-deserved retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF FATHER
KENNETH R. MURPHY

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 14, 2011

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Father Kenneth Murphy, an exceptional individual who continues to provide outstanding spiritual guidance for the members of the Middlesex County community. His exceptional service is highly deserving of this body's recognition.

Born in New York City, Father Murphy is a graduate of Saint Joseph's High School in Metuchen, New Jersey and is a proud alumnus of Newark College of Engineering. He earned a Bachelors of Science in Chemical Engineering from Newark College of Engineering. His educational foundation launched his tenure as a faculty member of the Union Catholic Regional High School in Scotch Plains, New Jersey. Father Murphy entered and completed his seminary formation in Ss. Cyril and Methodius Seminary in Orchard Lake, Michigan. He earned his Master of Divinity Degree in May 1986 and received his Master of Fine Arts in Theology from the University of Detroit the same year. On May 31, 1986, Father Murphy was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Theodore E. McCarrick at St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral in Metuchen, New Jersey.

An outstanding spiritual leader and mentor, Father Murphy's various assignments have circulated him throughout central New Jersey. He has served in many positions throughout the 6th Congressional District, including Associate Pastor at Our Lady of Victories and Administrator and Pastor at St. Stanislaus. Father Murphy is currently Sayreville PBA Chaplain, Chaplain for Our Lady of Victories Columbiettes Council 2061 and Chaplain of Our Lady of Victories Assembly #0670 Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus. St. Peter's Parish in New Brunswick, New Jersey remains Father Murphy's home of worship.

Mr. Speaker, once again, please join me in thanking Father Kenneth Murphy for his continued spiritual guidance. His extraordinary leadership continues to guide Middlesex County community, my district, and the State of New Jersey.

**RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL
OPINION RESEARCH CENTER, AT
THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
ON ITS 70TH ANNIVERSARY**

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I wish to recognize the National Opinion Research Center on the occasion of its 70th anniversary. Known by its acronym, NORC, is one of the nation's oldest, not-for-profit, independent research organizations. It is headquartered in downtown Chicago with additional offices on the University of Chicago's campus and in the D.C. Metro area.

NORC is a national leader in social science research. Numerous data collection and analytical tools that now set the industry standard

were pioneered at NORC. The organization's capabilities in the areas of study design and survey methodology, statistical design and analysis, survey data collection (including biomarker and environmental data collection), evaluation and performance measurement, policy analysis and recommendations, dissemination and knowledge management, and technical assistance set it apart as an authority in the field of social science research. Further, its research expertise is enhanced by its interdisciplinary approach, innovative study designs and research methods, commitment to the highest standards of research excellence and scientific rigor, and strong collaborative relationships with prominent experts, senior government officials, and leading scholars.

Given its expertise in social science research, NORC plays a leadership role in numerous wide-reaching studies and surveys that provide vital insight and information into today's most pressing issues. For example, NORC manages the National Immunization Survey sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which produces national- and area-level data on vaccination rates for children and teens. It conducts the General Social Survey, which is regarded as the best source of data on societal trends and is routinely used by policymakers. NORC also advances health care innovation and effectiveness through its evaluation of four projects for the Office of the National Coordinator of Health Information Technology. These projects are critical to understanding adoption of health IT and what resources are needed to achieve measurable gains in health care quality and efficiency. Other NORC projects of note include the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth, the National Children's Study, and a series of international impact evaluations for the Millennium Challenge Corporation.

As a policymaker, I am especially impressed by NORC's unique ability to conduct high-caliber social science research and analysis designed to inform policy decisions on complex issues. Research to inform policy must be intentional as well as carefully designed and executed; I am grateful to NORC for its commitment to applying social science research to social policy, be it in the areas of health, education, economics, crime, justice, energy, security or environment. True to its mission to perform high-quality social science research in the public interest, NORC has proven a tremendous resource to my office over the years. Indeed, I have sought their expertise on multiple occasions, including recently with regard to the National Children's Study and the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth. I greatly appreciated their insight into these studies so that I could advocate for policies to improve the well-being of children and youth.

It is rare to find an organization that is skilled at both research and application of its findings. NORC has enriched public policy debate and decision making by gathering and distilling critical information. NORC's work and expertise have spanned seven decades, and I am confident the organization and its outstanding researchers will continue to have a positive effect on our nation's knowledge base and policymaking processes well into the future. This year, I celebrated my 70th birthday as well. As I look back on my own life, I can personally attest to the fortitude that it takes to have gotten this far and to have remained relevant. I commend NORC on its commitment

to high quality social science research that informs so many aspects of our society. I am proud to have NORC in my congressional district, and I wish NORC and its employees in Illinois and throughout the nation all the best on the occasion of the organization's 70th anniversary. I look forward to your continued success and excellence in the years to come.

HONORING JOHN "JACK" E. FRANK, PH.D., ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY

HON. MARK S. CRITZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 14, 2011

Mr. CRITZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a faithful patriot, skilled counselor and educator, devoted public servant and good friend of mine for reaching a notable life milestone. On October 17, John "Jack" E. Frank, a valued member of my Congressional staff, will turn 80 years old. Having known Jack for many years, I can attest that he is a man of the highest character. He has spent nearly his entire life serving causes greater than himself.

After serving his country admirably in the Navy in the 1950s, Jack earned a Bachelor's degree from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, a Master's degree from Westminster College and a Ph.D. from Case Western Reserve University. He has used his education to foster the development of countless young men and women in Pennsylvania and to serve the interests of the citizens of Pennsylvania's twelfth Congressional District.

Jack began his teaching career at Sharpsville Junior High School while working toward his Master's degree. Following this experience, he took a job as a counselor at Yorktown High School. It was there that he met his beloved wife Jeannette, with whom he has two children, Jeffrey and Janelle, and four grandchildren, Effie, Vivian, Sophia and Elsie.

Jack spent the majority of his teaching career at his alma mater, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, serving as the Assistant Dean of Men and a veterans/career counselor. Between his work at IUP and his active participation in the local Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW, Jack became a staunch advocate and friend of our nation's proud military veterans. In recognition of his 25 years of devoted service to IUP, he received the Indiana University of Pennsylvania Distinguished Alumni Award in 2006.

Following his distinguished career in education, Jack embarked on an equally distinguished career in public service. He capably served the late Congressman John Murtha for ten years before coming to work for me following my election in 2010. I hired Jack for his inimitable wisdom, kindness and experience. No one could be a more passionate and skilled liaison to the people of Pennsylvania's twelfth Congressional District than Jack.

Mr. Speaker, Jack is a great man. While he could easily be "retired" and enjoying the fruits of his distinguished career, Jack instead continues to serve the public and the greater good. I strive every day to emulate the selflessness and devotion to the wellbeing of others that are the hallmarks of his character.

Happy 80th birthday Jack, and thank you for your service.

IN MEMORY OF CHARLES REED RUCKER

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

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Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, on a farm in Crabapple, Georgia, Charles Reed Rucker was born August 14, 1921. His parents were Jeff Lafayette (Jepp) and Nancy Emily Reed Rucker. He grew up on a farm in Crabapple which is now considered a suburb of Atlanta. Charles graduated from high school in 1938. He sold magazine subscriptions and worked for McQuary Engineering stringing power lines in South Carolina after high school and during the "Great Depression" as everyone was doing whatever they could do to sustain life.

On a hot July 3, 1940, as a young man Charles enlisted in the Navy—riding a train to Norfolk, Virginia, where he received his boot training. He was shipped aboard the U.S.S. *Prairie*. The *Prairie* caught fire perhaps from a torpedo, and Charles along with the crew went aboard the U.S.S. *Dennabola* and was sent to submarine squadron 3 in the Panama Canal Zone where patrol off the coast of Panama and Eastern South America. A palm log pierced the bottom of the patrol plane which was equipped with 4 depth charges set to automatically arm at 25 feet of water. The crew had to abandon the plane and swim to shore but before they reached the shore the U.S. Army Corps from France Field came to their rescue and returned the crew to the station in Panama.

From there Charles went to officer's training school at Mercer University at Macon, Georgia, after which he was assigned to Whiting Field in Pensacola, Florida, then to Cony Field. While serving at Cony Field he was promoted to Leading Chief of his squadron. After 2 years he was sent back to Panama Canal Zone to form another squadron. The second day after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, his squadron was ordered to Pearl Harbor to assist in clean-up.

After this operation Charles returned to the states with the Navy Transport Squadron VR673. Next they were ordered to the European Theater on a diplomatic mission, crossing the North Atlantic into Ireland. From Shannon, Ireland they flew in to France, England and Germany.

From there the crew went to Holland and from Holland to Brussels, Belgium, the back again to England, then back to the U.S. Charles was transferred from the 15th Naval District to the 5th Naval District in Charleston, South Carolina, and ultimately returned to NAS Atlanta as a member of VR673 active reserve as Leading Chief Petty Officer. From NAS Atlanta Charles flew support missions during the Korean Crisis and the Vietnam War. He remained stationed at NAS Atlanta in the reserve until he retired on his birthday, August 14, 1981.

Charles started to work for Delta Airlines in Atlanta in 1954 in the maintenance department, then progressed to the Engineering Department where he edited a technical publication that aided maintenance personnel. He remained in that position until retirement in 1983. After retirement he and his wife, Claudia, moved from their home in Doraville, Georgia, to Lake Lanier. This was a wonderful transition for Charles and Claudia. After Claudia's